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TO AMEMBASSY MANILA

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DEPT TRANSPORTATION

COGARD ACADEMY NEW LONDON CT

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TAGS: PFOR, MILI, RP

SUBJECT: ADMISSION OF PHILIPPINE NATIONALS TO U.S. COAST  
GUARD ACADEMY

REF: A. 75 MANILA 5362, B. 75 MANILA 5401

1. AT THE END OF ITS LAST SESSION CONGRESS AMENDED TITLE  
14, UNITED STATES CODE, TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF FOREIGN  
NATIONALS WHO MAY BE ADMITTED TO THE U.S. COAST GUARD  
ACADEMY FROM 24 TO 36; CONSOLIDATE EXISTING AUTHORITY IN  
ONE SECTION; ELIMINATE SPECIFIC GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF  
CADETS; AUTHORIZE FOR ALL CADETS, ON A REIMBURSABLE BASIS,  
PAY AND ALLOWANCES EQUIVALENT TO THOSE OF ANY OTHER CADET  
AT THE ACADEMY; AND PROVIDE DISCRETIONARY AUTHORITY FOR THE  
SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION TO WAIVE REIMBURSEMENT FOR  
SPECIFIC COUNTRIES.

2. INTER ALIA, THESE CHANGES ELIMINATED THE SPECIAL  
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PRIVILEGES GRANTED TO PHILIPPINE CADETS BY EXISTING LAW.

THE GOP NO LONGER HAS A GUARANTEED PLACE FOR A PHILIPPINE CADET IN EACH CLASS AND MUST NOW REIMBURSE THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR THE COST OF EDUCATION, INCLUDING PAY AND ALLOWANCES.

3. WHILE WE APPRECIATE THE CONCERNS EXPRESSED IN REFTELS, WE BELIEVE, AS EMBASSY HAS NOTED PREVIOUSLY, THAT INTENT OF LEGISLATION TO REMOVE AN ELEMENT OF DISCRIMINATION IN FAVOR OF FILIPINOS VIS-A-VIS OTHER STUDENTS AND TO EXPAND OPPORTUNITY FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS TO ATTEND ACADEMY ALLEVIATES IN PART CONCERNS WHICH MIGHT BE GENERATED ON THE PHILIPPINE SIDE.

4. EMBASSY IS AUTHORIZED TO DRAW ON ABOVE TO INFORM GOP OF CHANGE.

5. THERE ARE NO APPROVED PLANS AT THIS TIME TO REQUEST WAIVER OF REIMBURSEMENT TO GOP FOR PHILIPPINE CADETS. IF YOU BELIEVE SUCH ACTION WOULD BE APPROPRIATE, PLEASE PROVIDE APPROPRIATE JUSTIFICATION.

6. FYI. INsofar AS WE ARE AWARE, AT THIS TIME THERE ARE NO PLANS TO INITIATE SIMILAR CHANGES IN LEGISLATION GOVERNING ADMITTANCE TO OTHER SERVICE ACADEMIES.

7. YOU WILL RECEIVE IN SEPTTEL INFORMATION FOR APPLICATION BY FOREIGN NATIONALS FOR U.S. COAST GUARD ACADEMY CLASS OF 1981 ENTERING IN JUNE 1977. END FYI. ROBINSON

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